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Russian permission has been obtained for research work in the following fields by the chemical department of the University of Leipzig:

- a. The electrolytic reduction of the nitric acid and nitrate ions. Attempts will be made to clarify the role of hyponitric acid in the electrolytic reduction of nitric acid.
- Electrolytic production of chromic chromates. This work is still in the preparatory stages.
- The reduction of Brillantgeranin. Several combination reactions in alkaline and acid solutions are being carried out and the compounds identified and studied.
- The reaction of para-bromophenylacetic acid is being attempted by vacuum distillation and fractional crystallization.
- The alcohols and the hydrocarbons of fusel oil distillates. The hydrocarbons form complex mixtures and are primarily bicyclic, saturated, and very stable. The alcohols are branched and unbranched mixtures.
- Separation and study of cod-liver oil acids. Attempts are being made to examine the structure of the weak unstable acids of cod-liver oil by means of oxidative decomposition using ozone.
- The oxidation of hydrogen peroxide using pervanadine acid as catalyzer. The effect of the oxidizing agent on alphaphellandren and inden is being examined. The principal prophellandren cts are glycols.

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